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Re:

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Title: Simulation-Based Functional Verification of Microcircuit Designs
Inventors: Kevin Harer et al.
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Dear Mr. Picard,

This letter a follow-up to my voicemail to you of July 15 in which I explained that Examiner Tom Stevens has adopted a clearly erroneous interpretation of 37 CFR 1.121 regarding the deletion of paragraphs.

Examiner Stevens believes that a deleted paragraph must be presented in an Amendment with the entire text of the paragraph reproduced, but with strike-through throughout the deleted text.

Examiner Stevens interpretation of the rule is contrary to the language of 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iv) which states "The text of a paragraph to be deleted must not be presented with strike-through." I have discussed this with Examiner Stevens by phone and he refuses to change his interpretation. He suggested I contact you.

Examiner Stevens has issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment that provides one month for responding. A response is due by July 30. Therefore, can you please take action as soon as possible to rescind the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Jonathan T. Kaplan